

Washington, DC— Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) appeared before a Senate Subcommittee today on behalf of the family of Lt. Col. Dominic Baragona. Baragona was killed in Iraq in May 2003 after he was struck by a truck driven by an employee of the Kuwait & Gulf Link Transport Company (KGL), a Kuwaiti company under multiple contracts with the Department of Defense to provide logistics services in support of the United States military in Iraq. Evidence suggests that KGL acted negligently in this case, and Congressman Ryan has been working with government officials to seek justice for the Baragona family.

“I was pleased to join today’s subcommittee hearing to discuss an issue I care deeply about, and I would like to thank Senator McCaskill for her leadership on putting this hearing together,” said Congressman Tim Ryan. “I will continue to work to ensure that the Baragonas receive the justice they deserve, and hold KGL accountable for their negligence.”

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Today’s hearing reviewed S. 526, the Lieutenant Colonel Dominic ‘Rocky’ Baragona Justice for American Heroes Harmed by Contractors Act, sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO), Chairwoman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee’s Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight. Congressman Ryan is the sponsor of the companion legislation currently under consideration in the House of Representatives.

Last Thursday, Congressman Ryan was joined by Congressman Driehaus (OH-1) to request a civil and criminal investigation of KGL's involvement in a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder.

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For a YouTube clip of Congressman Ryan's remarks at Today's Hearing, please click the following link (video may still be processing at time of release): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TM9QaCQSc4A>